

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 10-15 and indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-6 are acknowledged with appreciation.

Reconsideration of the drawings objection is respectfully requested. The compressor is clearly shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings identified by reference numeral 20. Accordingly, it is believed that no amendment of the drawings is required. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-6 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness is also respectfully requested. The compressor 20 used in the invention is an ordinary air compressor, which inherently has fluid dynamic properties. Use of the term "hydrodynamic" was merely intended to indicate this. To eliminate confusion, the term in question has been deleted from page three of the specification and claim 3.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested in view of these amendments.


The rejections of claims 1, 2 and 7-9 over prior art have been mooted by cancellation of the involved claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #03714152534US).

Respectfully submitted,



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